

Swedish hostages rescued unhurt

STOCKHOLM — Police injected tear-gas into a Stockholm bank vault last night, forcing the surrender of a gunman and his accomplices, and freeing their four hostages unhurt.

The hostages — three young women and a man — were carried out on stretchers after their six days of captivity inside the small vault.

The gunman, Jan-Erik Olsson, 32, was also brought into an ambulance and driven off. He was handcuffed.

Stockholm Police Chief Kurt Lindroth said the street to the bank was cordoned off and the area was filled with tear-gas.

"He threw his sub-machinegun up through the hole in the vault," Lindroth said. "We were happy to help him with it."

"Then we ordered him and the others to walk out through the door we had broken up," Lindroth said.

The successful rescue did not occur after a policeman who was boring a hole in the ceiling of the bank yesterday morning was shot by Olsson in the head and chest, and observers believed police had given up for the day.

The hostages had already been subjected to harrowing physical and psychological abuse.

Nooses were tied round their necks on Monday to stop police from going ahead with a planned gas attack, and there have been widespread but unconfirmed reports of sexual assault on women hostages.

The gunman fired at police as they completed boring additional holes into the vault yesterday morning, police said. A 44-year-old (Continued on page 4)

575 DEAD IN MEXICO QUAKE

MEXICO CITY. — At least 575 people were killed in central Mexico today in the country's worst earthquake in recent times, the Transport and Communications Ministry announced here yesterday.

The earthquake registering seven on the Richter Scale jolted a 350-km. strip from Mexico City to the Gulf of Mexico early yesterday.

(Reuters, UPI)

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Waldheim in Beirut after Syria talks

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim left Syria yesterday after a two day visit and began the second leg of his study tour in Lebanon, before coming to Israel tomorrow.

Architects viewed his visit to Syria with considerable satisfaction, believing it represented a breakthrough in political communication because Damascus had until now rejected all U.N. peace initiatives including resolution 242.

However, it is still not known whether Dr. Waldheim succeeded in softening Syria's attitude towards a political settlement in general and resolution 242 in particular. The Secretary-General had conferred over time with Syrian President Hafiz Assad and Foreign Minister Abdul-Hakim Khaddam.

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No details were disclosed and statements were cautiously worded. In one statement the U.N. Secretary-General expressed his appreciation to Syria's attitude in the talks, which he called "fruitful and frank."

The Damascus organ of the ruling Ba'ath party "al-Bath," said yesterday that Syria will accept no new Middle East proposals which lack assurance for an Israeli complete withdrawal from occupied Arab territories. It did not elaborate but appeared to imply that Syria might consider its acceptance of resolution 242 provided this committed Israel to withdrawal.

Dr. Waldheim is scheduled to confer today with Lebanese President Suleiman Frangieh and Premier Takiyeddin Solh. Shortly after his arrival in Beirut last night the Secretary-General held preliminary talks with Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Naffa.

Unlike Syria, Jordan and Egypt, Lebanon was not expected to raise territorial issues in talks with Dr. Waldheim. The focus of Lebanon's dispute with Israel is the Beirut-based Palestinian sabotage movement which problem the Lebanese authorities seek to solve through resettlement of refugees in the camps where the terrorists maintain their strongholds. The issue of Palestinian refugees is expected to be a main topic also of Dr. Waldheim's talks in Jordan — where, however, King Hussein's government is challenging the terrorists on the question of Palestinian representation.

Our diplomatic correspondent adds: Opportunity will be taken of Dr. Waldheim's visit to Jerusalem to seek his help in a number of humanitarian issues, such as the plight of Jews in Iraq, Syria and the Soviet Union, authoritative sources said yesterday. Dr. Waldheim had been of such assistance in the past, they noted.

Bomb jitters in London

LONDON (AP). — Police sealed off the chamber of the House of Commons yesterday after a suspected terrorist bomb was discovered in the building. But the bomb turned out to be just discarded empty cigarette packet.

London, hit by 30 explosive devices in the last 10 days, was suffering a bad case of the jitters, and the city was on a tense bomb-alert.

In Paris, a letter bomb addressed to a member of the British Embassy staff was intercepted yesterday morning and turned over to French police.

Scotland Yard reported 300 calls in five hours for help to deal with suspicious-looking packages — more than one call a minute. By noon an estimated 30 calls had been eliminated as false alarms.

Police believe the bombs are the work of the IRA, which is fighting to drive Britain from Northern Ireland. More bombs are expected.

First reports of the Parliament building indicate the suspected cigarette pack "bomb" was spotted by a bomb-detecting device in a lobby near the chamber. Some of the bombs planted in London have been hidden in cigarette packs. These were incendiary devices and few "leak."

Police took no chances and halted all tours of the building. Parliament is currently in recess, and no legislators were believed to be in the Commons.

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Indo-Pak accord on exchange of people

By TREVOR DEIBERG
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI. — India and Pakistan yesterday signed an agreement expected to free as many as 800,000 people still imprisoned or stranded as a result of the 14-day war fought more than 20 months ago. Details of the six-page agreement will be announced simultaneously today in both New Delhi and Islamabad.

Both sides hailed the accord as an important step towards peace and understanding on the Indian sub-continent. The agreement is a three-way deal involving India, Bangladesh and Pakistan and relates to the 90,000 Pakistani prisoners of war in Indian custody, about 400,000 Bengalis in Pakistan, and about 300,000 Pakistani citizens in Bangladesh.

The agreement came after 11 days of tough bargaining in New Delhi. It is based on a joint proposal India and Bangladesh made four months ago to solve the "humanitarian" problems created by the war in the former province of East Pakistan in 1971. It took 20 days of talking, nine of them in Islamabad, to narrow down the differences between the Indian and Bangladesh stand and that of Pakistan to the point where the present pact was possible.

After the signing, Amr Ahmed, the leader of the Pakistani delegation, said the agreement was an extremely important stage in bringing relaxation among the three countries. It went beyond its immediate humanitarian aims and embraced a larger vision of peace and understanding among them.

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Gaddafi and Sadat still talking on union

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Libyan head of state Mu'ammer Gaddafi yesterday held further talks on the projected merger of their two countries but no details were disclosed — although only three days remained to go before the union target date of Saturday.

The Egyptian radio networks failed to report any further developments. They indicated that Sadat had met Gaddafi only once yesterday. An earlier session was held on Monday night several hours after Sadat's arrival from a five-day secret visit to Saudi Arabia, the Persian Gulf states of Qatar and Syria.

It was not clear whether the lack of information was due to continued differences over the form of the merger or whether it was due to preparations for a plebiscite which the two leaders were reported to be considering in a bid to salvage the much-publicized projected merger.

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Airlines said paying blackmail money to Arab terrorists

ALL FOUR HAVE ROUTES TO LOD

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

At least four European airlines are suspected of paying both regular and one-time payments to Arab terrorist organizations in return for promises of immunity from hijacking. All four companies fly to Lod, and at least one of them has been the target of a terrorist attack in the past.

By late last night no official Israeli confirmation of this could be obtained, and one top Ministerial source denied any knowledge of airlines paying blackmail money. The Post, however, has received the information from a reliable source that the airlines are paying.

The sums involved are thought to run into millions of dollars and pounds sterling. Most of the money is being deposited in the accounts of two factions of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which together have been responsible for at least 19 hijacking attempts over the past four years.

Two payments are known to have been handed over to the PLO — the terrorist roof organization.

It was explained to The Jerusalem Post that several airlines have made the "purely commercial" calculation that it is cheaper to pay the terrorists for immunity than to

employ effective and expensive security measures. There is no known case of terrorist action against an airline that has refused to pay "protection money," or of punitive measures taken against a company which has defaulted on payments.

Of the 16 companies which use Lod Airport, 10 have not been affected by Arab terrorist activity: the Turkish Airlines, Taron Rumanian Airlines, Alitalia, HBEA British European Airways, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, SAS Scandinavian Airlines, BOAC, Canadian Pacific, Cyprus Airlines and Air France.

Of 36 attempts by terrorists to attack either civilian airlines or company offices around the world, 18 have been directed against EL AL and three against Alia, the Jordanian carrier. Apart from Alia only two other airlines which do not fly to Israel have been affected, Japanese Airlines and Pan Am.

Other airlines which fly to Lod and which have been attacked by terrorists are TWA — hijacked to Damascus in August 1968, and Zarka in September 1970; Swissair — explosion in mid-air killing 47 passengers and crew in February 1970; Austrian Airways — mid-air explosion in February 1970 but the plane was able to return safely; Lufthansa hijacking to Aden and \$5m. ransom

paid in February 1972, and again in October 1972, when Germany released three Munich murderers in return for the plane; the Sabena hijacking to Lod in May 1972.

The Post has also learned that at least four terrorist actions — including the Swissair explosion — were carried out by the PFLP group headed by Ahmed Jibril, who broke away from George Habash following a power struggle three years ago. Earlier reports attributed them to Habash's faction, Fatah, and its executive arm, the Black September, have been responsible for two hijackings: the Sabena Boeing 707 to Lod, and a Lufthansa carrier which was released in return for the three Munich murderers.

Other attacks were by Habash's group. It was made clear to The Post that in most cases the payment of blackmail money to the terrorist organizations followed direct negotiations between the airlines themselves — not their governments — and the terrorists.

It is believed that the money is deposited in numbered accounts, making it virtually impossible to produce documentary proof of transactions. But the sources do not discount the possibility that in some cases European governments were consulted by their national airlines and were aware of the deals.

ICAO will take up Israel action

ROME (UPI). — The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) agreed yesterday to hold within a week a specific debate on Israel's forcing down of an Arab jetliner.

Lebanon asked for the discussion during the opening of a three-week ICAO assembly and simultaneous diplomatic conference on ways to make legal action mandatory against hijackers.

"Israel as a state is implicated in an act of hijacking," the Lebanese delegation said.

Israel warplanes forced a Middle East Airlines jetliner to land in Israel during an unsuccessful attempt August 8 to capture Arab terrorist leaders.

"This was the hijacking of an airplane of one (ICAO) member state by another member state on the order of its government," the Lebanese said.

The Israeli delegation said it would wait until the formal debate to speak about "the true facts, true circumstances and true responsibility" of the incident.

Different proposals to put teeth



Amiel Najjar (left), head of the Israeli delegation, speaking to W. Rowntree of the U.S. at opening session of the ICAO conference in Rome yesterday.

Punitive action would be 'scandalous'

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

Authoritative circles in Jerusalem said yesterday that it would not only be scandalous if the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) conference in Rome voted punitive action against Israel in connection with the interception of the Lebanese Caravelle jetliner on August 10.

It would be "appallingly hypocritical," in view of the fact that no international body had said or done anything after a series of 13 assaults on the freedom of civil aviation by Arab states.

The U.S. was addressing itself energetically to block punitive measures, the authoritative circles said. A number of important Western states, and other countries actively engaged in civil aviation, were not likely to back a resolution voting sanctions.

The ICAO was, in any case, not equipped to deal with or harm any country's aviation links, the source said. An important French official had gone on the record as opposing any measures whatsoever against Israel in connection with the Lebanese plane affair.

Lebanon will take the stands of the leading aviation powers into account, and temper its draft resolution in Rome accordingly, the circles believed.

Israel's delegation at Rome would press for amendments to the Chicago Convention which would totally prohibit all interference with the freedom of civil aviation. Had such a prohibition been in effect already, the source said, the interception of the Lebanese plane in the search for Arab hijackers would not have been necessary.

U.S. support for Israel at ICAO

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating told Foreign Minister Abba Eban in Jerusalem yesterday that the U.S. would do its best to ensure Israel's aviation interests were not harmed in any way at the ICAO conference in Rome.

Mr. Keating spoke to Mr. Eban after the ceremony of handing over credentials at Beit Hanesi.

Mr. Keating had given similar encouragement on Saturday evening when he called on Mr. Eban at his residence in Jerusalem, and confirmed the commitment given by Under-Secretary of State Kenneth Rush to Ambassador Shimon Dinitz in Washington on Friday that the U.S. would work to block sanctions.

Second incident in two days Terrorists place rockets at Lebanese border

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Four 120 mm. Katyusha rockets were discovered by a security patrol along the Lebanese border early yesterday morning. The rockets, which were aimed at the settlement of Adamit, were dismantled before they could be activated.

The rockets were carried over the border through a hole which had been cut in the security fence during the night by at least four terrorists, who returned to Lebanon territory well before the explosions were due to take place.

This is the first incident along the Lebanese border since July 13, when an Israeli officer was killed and three soldiers wounded during a hunt for terrorists who had infiltrated from Lebanon. The last Katyusha attack in the area was in June 1972 when several rockets were fired at Gasher Haziv and Kiryat Shmona.

Despite the fact that observers here do not see the incident as the start of renewed terrorist activity, they are treating both it and Sunday's infiltration attack from over

the Syrian border seriously. They discount any connection between the two incidents, noting that there is no operational cooperation between terrorists in the two countries.

Observers also do not see the incident as a change in Lebanese policy with regard to maintaining the quiet along the border with Israel. They pointed out that Lebanese security forces have maintained strict security checks in the area and have prevented the terrorists from re-establishing their strongholds in the immediate vicinity of the border.

Fire rages at Petah Tikva warehouse

PETAH TIKVA. — Firemen last night were still battling a fire which has already caused an estimated \$1.5m. worth of damage at a textile warehouse on Jabotinsky Road near here.

Eight fire engines were summoned at 1.30 p.m. yesterday to a warehouse containing textiles and equipment belonging to the former Chorley textile mills in Beersheba. The fire quickly spread to adjacent warehouses containing refrigerators and chemicals.

The firemen were trying to prevent the fire from spreading last night. No casualties were reported.

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BAR-LEV DECLARES:
Customs barriers will never separate Israel and areas
By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
Israel and the administered areas are by now economically linked together, and no customs barrier will separate them, even if peace is made and even if they are on opposite sides of an international frontier, Haim Bar-Lev, Minister of Commerce and Industry, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. Subject of the briefing was industrial development in those areas, now that Shlomo Behar is being replaced by Eiyahu Aitay as the responsible Ministry official. Mr. Behar is retiring from the service, after being in charge since the Six

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Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir on Monday evening received Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili. The President yesterday received Dr. Zvi Dinstein, Deputy Minister of Finance.

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, yesterday awarded the annual Yitzhak Sadeh Prize for Military Literature to Yigal Eliahu, for his study of the Jewish Legion in the British Army in the First World War, and to Yosef Meir, for a work on a Jewish self-defence and Zionist underground in Iraq. Israel Galili, Minister without Portfolio, was among those present at the ceremony which took place at the Tel Aviv Museum.

A Scroll of the Law gift of the Bnei Israel community of Bombay, was yesterday installed at the Sha'arei Zion Synagogue of immigrants from India at Kiryat Shmona. It had been brought by Rabbi Menahem Hacohen who visited Israel on behalf of the Knesset.

Mr. R. Rosenfelder of the Technical Public Relations Office will speak on plans for the Technion's 50th Anniversary, at the Herta Rotary Club, Appinger Hotel, 1 p.m. today.

Prof. Henry Wagner of Johns Hopkins University, will lecture to the staff of Tel Hashomer Hospital in Pavilion 19, at 6 this evening on the use of radioactive isotopes in bacteriology and on the use of computers in nuclear medicine.

ARRIVALS
Madame Rukhylyt Babant, widow of the late head of the Bnei Israel community in Alaska, is on a month's visit to Bnei Israel communities in Israel.

DEPARTURES
Prof. Yehoshua Shanan of the Department of Psychiatry at Hadassah University Hospital, Jerusalem, to attend the executive meeting of the International Society for Study of Behaviour and Development at Ann Arbor and other professional matters.

ISRAEL v. SPAIN IN WATER-POLO

BELGRADE (AFP). — In the first round of the World Water-Polo Championships due to start here next month, Israel has been drawn to play in Group "B" along with Hungary, Italy, Rumania and Spain. Israel's first match will be against Spain, on September 9.

Sixteen nations will be competing, divided into three groups for the first round. The top two teams in each group will go on to the finals.

The other entrants are: the Soviet Union, Holland, Australia, Mexico, Great Britain, and Yugoslavia in Group "A"; and the U.S., West Germany, Cuba, Belgium and Greece in Group "C".

Labour Party Sec'y angry over attack on Sapir Fund

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin yesterday sharply rapped his party's "think tank" on economic policy for having dared criticize, even by implication, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's fund-raising among Israelis for special projects.

In a statement to the press on the recommendations for the Labour Party's election programme by the "think tank" headed by Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yacobi (reported on page one of yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*) Mr. Yadin said "any kind of criticism of this fund-raising by the team is certainly not the official position of the Labour Party." He said the party had "unreservedly lined up behind all the important projects pursued by Finance Minister Sapir, as Minister of Finance, on the Government's behalf and with the knowledge of the Knesset Finance Committee, within the framework of special fund-raising."

Mr. Yadin said "the recommendations of the 'think tank' on economic policy, like those of other study groups, are solely working papers and have no authoritative weight, reflecting the views of no one but the members of the team. I am also curious to know if these recommendations were adopted by all 35 members of the team and to what extent they studied this issue with thoroughness including discussing the matter with Mr. Sapir himself."

The rest of the official party communiqué contains an enumeration of the positive results of Mr. Sapir's fund-raising, with Mr. Yadin declaring: "The entire country is full of projects that witness the importance, the essentialness and the achievements of the special fund-raising effort. What is termed the Sapir Fund is one of the major instruments for social amelioration, and anyone seeking to damage it, cuts the ground beneath those demanding the earmarking of resources for solving social problems."

Mr. Yacobi, asked to comment last night on Mr. Yadin's strictures, was only ready to say "Mr. Yadin's curiosity could have been easily satisfied if he had bothered first of all to check with me. These recommendations reflect the views of members of the study group, who included central personalities in economic activities."

The recommendations of the team touch on many spheres including foreign trade policy, investment, housing, industrial development and agriculture, and they will be discussed by the Party's platform committee."

Mr. Yacobi notes that "among the recommendations was one that called for abolishing what is known as the special fund-raising project among foreign residents, but for stopping this drive among Israelis."

Investigation into port contract

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The State Comptroller and Ombudsman's Office are investigating the manner in which the Ports Authority has contracted with Solei Boneh to build a new passenger terminal at Haifa Port.

The new terminal, estimated to cost IL4.7 million, is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1974.

The spokesman for the State Comptroller, in a press communiqué, said the investigation was being conducted in response to a complaint. He declined to elaborate. But *The Post* learns the complaint was lodged by another building firm which competed unsuccessfully for the contract.

The Director-General of the Ports Authority, Aharon Remez, told *The Post* last night "there is no place for doubt; everything was open and above board."

He said the Ports Authority can award contracts either by issuing tenders or by direct negotiations with contractors.

In the case of the passenger terminal, the Authority decided against the tender method. A five-man committee, which he headed, negotiated with contractors. The price estimates by the various contractors who entered into negotiations with the Authority for building the terminal did not vary significantly, Mr. Remez said. But there were various other technical considerations apart from price, which led the committee to select Solei Boneh, he said.

Preparatory work for building the terminal has already been started.

The spokesman for the State Comptroller and Ombudsman last night stressed that the report that a complaint was being investigated did not imply the existence of wrongdoing. It was the Ombudsman's responsibility to respond to all such complaints.

Another source confirmed that the Ports Authority was not bound to issue tenders in awarding building contracts.



A lifetime of concern for the Jewish people was cited by new U.S. envoy Kenneth Keating as he presented his credentials to the President in Jerusalem yesterday. At Prof. Katzir's side are Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Ephraim Evron, Assistant Director-General of the Ministry, and Gideon Yarden, Deputy Head of its U.S. Desk.

U.S. envoy presents credentials

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter
U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating told President Ephraim Katzir yesterday that his interest in connection with the affairs of the Jewish people virtually spanned his lifetime.

Presenting his credentials at a ceremony at Beit Hanasi, Mr. Keating said he was taking up his duties with a warm and abiding personal concern.

"The interests of the United States — spiritual as well as temporal — have deep roots in the Middle East. We are dedicated to the cause of peace and the well-being of the people of the area. It is a cause to which I know you and your nation are similarly dedicated," he told Professor Katzir.

The President, in his reply, emphasized that peace was Israel's central objective. He said he hoped this objective would be attained during Mr. Keating's term of duty here.

Foreign Minister Abba Eban represented the Government at the ceremony.

The Israel Defence Forces band played as Ambassador Keating came through the gates of Beit Hanasi and a unit of Air Force cadets made up the guard of honour.

Fumes kill three rescuers in well

JENIN. — Three residents of Burjina village near here died yesterday after being overcome by poisonous fumes while trying to rescue a fellow villager who had fainted while clearing his well.

Omar Jarrar, Abdul-Karim Jarrar and Ibrahim Mousa Jarrar went down the well after Mahmoud Yusef Jarrar failed to come up and did not answer their calls.

Meanwhile, Mahmoud Jarrar, the owner of the well, regained consciousness. He and a fourth rescuer, Abdullah Muhammad Khaleel, were taken to the Government Hospital in Jenin where they are now out of danger.

(*Tim*)

UJA jumbo lands at Air Force base

A UJA mission landed yesterday from the U.S. at an Air Force base in northern Israel. O.C. Air Force Aluf Yehonatan Peled welcomed and briefed his 220 visitors, the first to arrive by jumbo jet at an IAF base. Also on hand was UJA general chairman Paul Zuckerman.

After touring the base and inspecting Air Force equipment, they took off for Lod to begin a more routine study tour.

Herut seems eager to keep Free Centre out

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Herut appears intent on setting up a two-party alignment comprising Gahal and the State List — leaving out the Free Centre. The tone and tactics adopted by Herut Chairman Menachem Begin and his followers at yesterday's Gahal Executive meeting appear to have confirmed the suspicions of the Free Centre, and his critics in both the Liberal and Herut wings of Gahal.

All participants in the protracted talks for a centrist bloc are agreed that they must end either way within the next 48 hours.

Mr. Elzer Weizman has served notice to his Gahal colleagues that he will drop out of politics if Mr. Begin persists in his present line. Mr. Weizman is quoted as protesting that Mr. Begin has been less than magnanimous with the Free Centre.

Women division nominates Namir

The Labour Party's Tel Aviv women's division yesterday nominated Mrs. Ora Namir as its Knesset candidate. Mrs. Namir, wife of Mordechai Namir, a former mayor of Tel Aviv and Labour Minister, is secretary of the Tel Aviv Working Mothers Organization.

'Eban and the plane' — 'idle gossip'

Jerusalem Post Staff
Abba Eban's reported criticism of the interception by the Israel Air Force of the Lebanese plane which was supposed to be carrying George Habash, was praised yesterday by two left-wing groups, condemned by the State List, while the Minister himself declined to discuss it.

The Foreign Minister's "harmful" expressions on the interception of the plane and on the proposals for the Yamit port city cast grave doubts on the security proposals drafted in the Labour Alignment's policy summary, Mr. Zelman Shoval, M.K., told a State List meeting in Tel Aviv. Mr. Eban's remarks on the plane incident had done untold damage at a time when this country is under attack, he held.

Amnon Zichroni, at a Meri parlor meeting in Ramat Gan, and Maki chairman Raoul Tietelbaum at a Moked meeting in Jerusalem, both criticized Mrs. Meir for having her Foreign Minister on the carpet for his alleged remarks. Mr. Zichroni said: "Abba Eban stands before Golda Meir like a naughty infant before a kindergarten teacher and has to apologise because he criticized Moshe Dayan. Eban is eating humble pie in order to keep himself a job in the next Cabinet."

Mr. Eban told newsmen in Jerusalem yesterday that reports the Prime Minister had taken him to task for describing the plane interception as "ill-advised," were "idle gossip."

Two Tel Aviv papers said yesterday that Mr. Eban used the phrase at a Labour Alignment perior meeting last Thursday.

"I would not want to waste time discussing that idle gossip," Mr. Eban said.

Mr. Eban is reported to have said at an election parlor meeting in North Tel Aviv last Thursday that those who planned the interception of the Lebanese plane had not taken into account possible reactions by civil aviation bodies who have it in their power to neutralise Israel's external air activities.

Mr. Eban said, according to these reports, "Even if George Habash had been on the plane, I don't believe the operation would have succeeded. If when I fly overseas I have a number of bodyguards do you think George Habash would not have? Had Habash been on the plane, I don't think the Lebanese pilot would have obeyed Israel orders, because there would have been people there to see that he did not. In that case, we would not, in my opinion, have been able to bring down the plane."

Galili 'certain' Labour will endorse draft

FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR TERRITORIES

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Golda Meir will next week submit the Galili summary on policies for the territories in the next four years to the Labour Party Secretariat for its formal approval. This was reported by Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili when answering reporters' questions here yesterday.

Mr. Galili was convinced that the summaries of the discussions of the Labour Party Ministers on the working programme in the territories would receive the necessary approval from the appropriate bodies. This includes decisions on the financial estimates to be included in annual government budgets.

The Minister said that affixing his name to the document was "a journalistic exercise." This is not a personal matter, but "the authorized summing up of discussions of the Party Ministers presided over by the Prime Minister."

Mr. Galili noted that the Labour Party Secretariat-General had already formally conveyed the summaries to Mapam, which was studying it, and discussions will shortly begin between the two partners in the Alignment.

Questioned on Mapam's charge that Labour had not brought it into its Ministers' discussions, Mr. Galili said he favoured constant consultation between the two parties, but he stressed "as long as our two parties exist independently, each has the right to hold its own internal deliberations. Mapam has used this right more than once."

He agreed that the summaries of the Labour Party did not automatically bind Mapam, but stressed that to the extent that the working programme is approved by the joint policy-making forums, it will bind all parts of the Alignment including Mapam. He believed that the left-wing parties will welcome many of its clauses.

The Minister recalled that his earlier, policy summaries had been adopted orally, but because of the importance of the subject matter, they were this time put down in writing. He reiterated they result from the consensus achieved during discussions of a ramified programme.

Hiker, 19, falls to his death

TEL AVIV. — A 19-year-old hiker, Moshe Stein, was killed on Monday when he fell off a plank while trying to cross a ravine near Nebi Musa in the Judean Desert. He slipped and fell into the gorge after three companions had crossed safely.

His body was extricated by an army helicopter and flown to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Stein was a student at the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva in Jerusalem. (*Times*)



FEETION. — Ultra-orthodox Neturei Karta leaders Rabbi Amram Blau (left) and Moshe Hirsch present a memorandum to a U.N. official in Jerusalem yesterday which they asked to be handed to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim when he arrives in Israel tomorrow. The memorandum calls for a "special refuge for God-fearing Jews who wish to dissociate themselves from the Zionist blasphemy." Earlier, Rabbi Blau led some 200 of his followers in a protest march from the Mea Shearim Quarter to the U.N. delegation offices near the former Mandelbaum Gate.

Held for renting room where Alvo boy was kept

NETANYA. — The Magistrate's Court here yesterday remanded in custody two suspects in the kidnapping of the eight-year-old Yahud boy, Jacques Alvo, last June — following the discovery of the room in Tel Aviv where the boy is believed to have been held.

Shlomo Yefet, 41, of Tel Aviv, admitted to renting his room in 12 Rehov Atzmon to a friend — David Uriel 26, also of Tel Aviv — on the day Jacques was kidnapped. On that day, Yefet allegedly stayed in a hotel. Yefet discovered the room after a house-to-house search in the area around the Shalom Mayer Tower. Jacques was brought by police to see the room and recognized it at once, the police representative told the court. What is more, he added, two tablets of the same kind used to drug the kidnapped boy were found in the room.

The judge had no hesitation in ordering Yefet and Uriel to be held for 15 days on suspicion of complicity in the kidnapping. The investigation continues.

Meanwhile, another break came in the \$500,000 Lod Airport diamond robbery case when London police notified police here yesterday, through Interpol, that Raymond Azoulay, 38, of Lod, has been traced and arrested. Azoulay, who left Israel last month "to study English abroad," is considered by the police to be a key figure in the case — constituting the link between the diamond robbers and the fences who bought the stolen gems.

The diamond robbery and the kidnapping cases are believed to be linked, following the revelation earlier this month in the Netanyahu Magistrate's Court of a monetary dispute between two of the chief suspects in the robbery — one of whom happens to be the kidnapped boy's father, Emile Alvo. (*Times*)

Deported Mexican blames 'vengeful' policemen

LOD AIRPORT. — Pedro Corbail, a Mexican visitor who was deported yesterday after running up a large debt at a local hotel, told newsmen before being placed on a TWA jet that he would call a press conference on his arrival in Rome to explain "the unfair circumstances of his expulsion from Israel."

Corbail claims he was victimized by Israeli police after the wife of one of them wanted to leave her husband to marry him. In his appeal against his expulsion earlier this month, the woman concerned was described as the wife of a security officer at the hotel where he was staying. But he now claims the man is a high-ranking police officer, and that the officer's colleagues are doing all they can to get him out of the way.

He claimed he had been unable to settle his debt at the hotel because he was arrested and could not release money from his account in Rome. Meanwhile, he has asked his lawyer to continue working to have his expulsion order revoked so that he could return to Israel legally, settle his debt, convert to Judaism — and renew his acquaintance with the woman he loves.

Corbail was not allowed to speak to newsmen directly but he appears to have guessed this would happen and wrote down all his complaints, which he left for friends to pass on to the press.

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2 diamond men held in IL4m. fraud case

TEL AVIV. — Two owners of a local diamond polishing factory were remanded for 15 days yesterday on suspicion of fraud involving over IL4m.

Police told a Tel Aviv magistrate that the suspects, Naphtali Salomon and Ozer Shalom, were arrested after an investigation of what seemed to be an ordinary bad cheque transaction revealed further fraudulent dealings amounting to several million pounds.

The first complaint came when a \$90,000 cheque paid into a bank on account of raw diamonds worth double that sum bounced. The police believe that the two suspects would order raw diamonds from abroad, put them up as collateral for foreign currency which they converted into Israeli pounds, part of which they used in buying finished diamonds which they sold as their own finished products.

Police said the suspects gave no plausible explanation of what they did with the money they received. (*Times*)

Big Israel win over American V

TEL AVIV. — Israel galloped to victory over Alabama College at Yad Eliahu stadium here last night in the opening match in a friendly tournament preceding the European basketball championships taking place in Barcelona next month. The score was 109:75. At half-time it was 56:54.

In sorrow we announce the death of

PHILIP VORONOFF

Kibbutz Nachshon and the family

With deep sorrow we announce the sudden death of

Ruth Breuer (nee Mainz)

The funeral will leave the Municipal Funeral Parlour at 5 Behov Dafne, Tel Aviv, today, Wednesday, August 29, 1973, at 3 p.m. for the Holon cemetery.

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President Katsir addressing yesterday's ceremony on Mt. Scopus at which the foundation stone was laid for the Supreme Court building. To Prof. Katsir's left are Mrs. Golda Meir, Justice Minister Y.S. Shapiro, David Ben-Gurion and Mayor Kollek. To his right are Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu and Justice Agranat.

Foundation stone ceremony for IL15m. complex Mt. Scopus site for Supreme Court

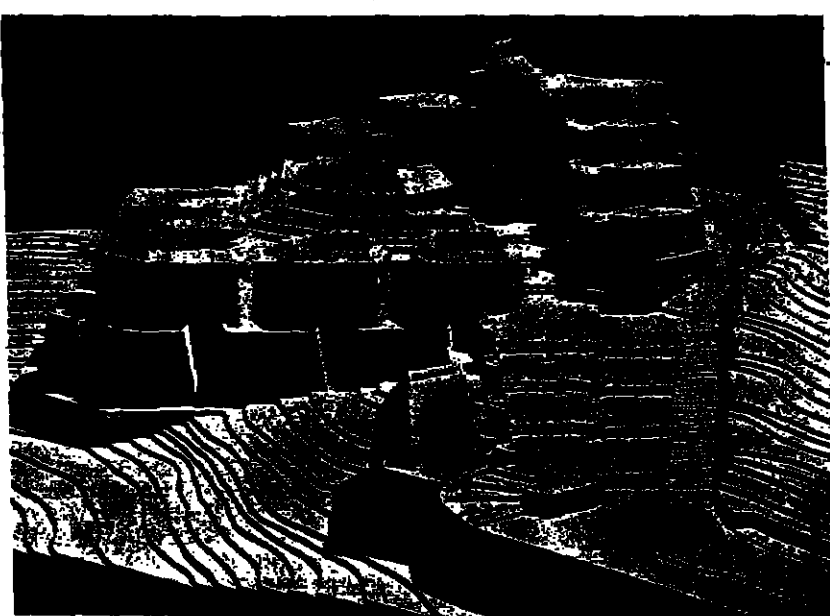
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The foundation stone for a permanent building for the Supreme Court was laid on Mount Scopus yesterday, in the presence of the President, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice and former Premier David Ben-Gurion.

The IL15m. complex is going up on the hillside between the Hebrew University and the Augusta Victoria Hospice. It will include a separate office suite for each member of the Court; four court rooms, including one seating 200 persons; a 100,000-volume library and administrative offices.

The multi-level, rampart-like design by Tel Aviv architects Sofer and Kolodny was chosen from among 34 entries. The complex is meant to merge into the slope overlooking the Old City. No indication has been given of when building is to start, or finish.

Addressing the 300 guests, President Ephraim Katsir touched on the evolution of Jewish jurisprudence, stressing the strong link between Israel law today and the *dinayim* of the past. He noted, however, that it has embraced elements of the law of other nations as well. The Law as it stands today has "won the respect of all Israel citizens — including that of the minorities."

The President of the Supreme Court, Justice Shimon Agranat, said the Court had been carrying out its duties in totally inadequate premises — "an old Russian monastery. After 25 years of statehood, this is a disgrace to national honor." But the many delays in implementing the decision — first taken in 1959 — to build a permanent home for the



Model of the Supreme Court building to go up on the slopes of Mt. Scopus, designed by Sofer and Kolodny.

Supreme Court had had a happy outcome. "Had it not been for these delays, the Court would never have found its home on this inspiring spot, symbolizing the unity of Jerusalem."

Justice Minister Y.S. Shapiro, endorsing this view of Justice Agranat, recalled that during the term of the Second Knesset, he had tried postponing a decision on choosing a permanent site for the legislature until this could be in East Jerusalem. He was overruled, and an historic opportunity lost.

The speeches over, those seated on the platform, Prof. Katsir, Mrs. Golda Meir, Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, Mr. Shapiro, Justice Agranat, his Permanent Deputy, Justice Joel Sussman, Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mayor Teddy Kollek — signed the Foundation Scroll. This was placed in its niche and cemented over by the guests of honour and other dignitaries in the audience, including Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, former Justice Minister Dov Yosef and members of the Supreme Court.

Railways extend summer schedule

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The summer timetable for passenger trains, due to expire on September 1, is being extended until October 19, the Railways spokesman announced yesterday. The times of the last trains on Friday afternoons and on the eve of holidays will, however, be adjusted to the shorter days. As of September 7, the last trains on Friday will leave Tel Aviv for Haifa at 2:30 p.m. and Haifa for Tel Aviv at 2 p.m.

Soviet immigrant 'rebels' ask Golda's aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The opposition in the Soviet immigrants' association yesterday sent a telegram to the Prime Minister, asking her to intervene "to prevent a split" in the organization.

Rural Pioneer, Dr. Yuli Nudelmann, David Yofit and Avraham Sepiashvili told the press her yesterday that they did not want to break away, but they accused "the other side" of sabotaging an agreement.

They said the association must be split by "real" immigrants from the Soviet Union, not by "political stooges" who included people originating from countries which were absorbed by the Soviet Union after the second world war.

The opposition suggested that they have 60 of the 120 seats on the association's council on condition that "the other side" does not include more than 15 political appointees. The executive of the association resolutely rejected this, the press was told.

The opposition is also currently canvassing signatures for "an appeal to the people of Israel" to hand the leadership of the association to new immigrants. Some 4,000 have already signed, it was stated. The group also said the failure in absorption had resulted in the slowing down of the flow of applications for exit permits in the Soviet Union. "We know that in Odessa, for instance, there is no longer a queue before the office of Ovir, where applications are filed," they said.

Montefioreans want to keep workshops away

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Several dozen residents of the Montefiore Quarter here demonstrated at the Town Hall yesterday against plans to turn their district into an industrial zone.

The quarter, opposite the Tel Aviv Kirya, has in recent years been subject to a veritable invasion of small industry, particularly as the area surrounding it is distinctly commercial and industrial. The residents say that, with the influx of industry and workshops, mainly garages, life has become unbearable, with constant noise and air pollution from sunrise till well past dusk.

They complain that the noise prevents their children concentrating on their homework and that, as a result, they get lower marks in school.

Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz received a delegation and heard their grievances for 10 minutes. He then told them that their objections to the city's zoning plans would have to be addressed to the district building commission. Eight of the quarter's streets have been strictly barred to industry, he said, but in his opinion, nothing much could be done about the others as they are surrounded by industrial complexes and are a natural location for light industry.

Blocks of flats for Holon centre

HOLON. — Mayor Pinhas Eylon yesterday broke the ground for a new housing project in the centre of town. The four eight-storey buildings, containing 132 apartments, will occupy the site of the former Lodzia factory plant.

The factory was one of the first structures on the sand dunes which were to become Holon. It has a new building in the town's industrial zone and its former site has since become the heart of town. It is estimated that construction, by Pan Len, will be completed in 30 months, at a cost of IL20m.

'Lotto' winners

TEL AVIV. — The winning six numbers in the "Lotto" draw are: 01, 04, 08, 20, 24 and 27. Mifal Hapayis announced yesterday. The additional number (which Mifal Hapayis adds) was 34.

Leningrad cantor here

LOD AIRPORT. — The former chief cantor at the only synagogue in Leningrad, David Stiskin, arrived yesterday with a group of other immigrants from the Soviet Union.



CULTURE ACCORD. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban, and the Ambassador of Ghana, Major-General S.J.A. Otu, signing the instruments of ratification of a cultural agreement between Israel and Ghana, at the Foreign Minister's bureau in Jerusalem yesterday.

Shubinsky charged with bribing key officials with car rebates

HAIFA. — Yitzhak Shubinsky, general manager of the bankrupt Autocars company, was charged in the District Court here yesterday with bribing army officers and senior tax and Transport Ministry officials. Assistant Haifa District Attorney Avigdor Ravid said the State would prove 12 cases in which Shubinsky authorized the sale of cars at considerable discounts to officials in the hope of getting favoured treatment from them. All the purchasers dealt with Autocars in their official capacity, he said.

According to the charges, Shubinsky approved the sale of a Gilboa 13 to Nahum Gutman, a Treasury official who was responsible for collection of taxes from Autocars. The sale price was IL3,500 — some IL3,000 less than the market price. This constituted a bribe, the

prosecution holds, in that it was clearly intended to gain the official's favour — if only by way of "casting thy bread upon the waters."

In another case, David Zelman, an engineer who tested Autocars vehicles for the Transport Ministry, bought a Triumph 1350 in November, 1969, for IL14,000 — some IL900 less than the market price. This sale, too, was approved by Shubinsky, the prosecution said.

Another name mentioned in the indictment is Yisrael Sinai, a civilian army employee who tested cars sold by the firm to the I.D.F. He was allegedly sold a IL10,000 car for only IL4,000.

Avraham Tamir, a senior army officer serving in 1969 as a senior aide in the Army's Quartermaster Branch, bought a used Carmel car

for his wife at the price of IL5,000, the indictment states. Tamir allegedly paid IL1,000 down and the rest in 40 instalments of IL100 each. No interest was charged.

On another occasion, a "double" deal was made, the prosecution claims. Sgan-Aluf Naphtali Kom, who headed a department of the Quartermaster Corps and served as its liaison man with Autocars, purchased two cars. One was for a cousin, on which he enjoyed an IL890 discount, and another for his brother, at a IL2,373 discount. (Sgan-Aluf Kom was acquitted last year by a military tribunal of accepting a bribe in this case.)

The other charges cite similar transactions. Shubinsky also faces charges of tax evasion in another case now pending in the courts. (Time)

TV, radio time asked for local lists too

The Supreme Court yesterday issued an order *visi* calling on the chairman of the Knesset Elections Committee and the Broadcasting Authority to show cause within 10 days why a contender in the Ramat Gan city elections should not be given radio and TV time.

The applicant was David Melamandovics, a member of the Ramat Gan City Council and head of the "Ramat Gan La'ezrah" list. He said the Broadcasting Authority turned down his request for time on national radio and TV on the grounds that this was reserved for parties represented in the Knesset. He said this discriminated against small local parties because the large national parties used their air-time for local council electioneering too.

Mr. Melamandovics said he applied to the Supreme Court after both the Broadcasting Authority and the Chairman of the Knesset Elections Committee, Justice Haim Cohn, turned down his request to ban radio and TV electioneering for all local council candidates. (Time)

24 HOURS OF SPEECHES

Israel's radio and television audience will be exposed to 24 hours of election campaign propaganda in the month before the Knesset polls on October 30.

Allocation of radio and TV time to the various parties was decided yesterday by the Central Elections Committee headed by Justice Haim Cohn.

On radio, each outgoing Knesset list and new party will be given 25 minutes, plus four minutes for each Knesset member. TV time is ten minutes per list, plus four minutes an M.K.

'Not muzzled'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority last night denied suppressing radio and TV coverage of a demonstration in Jerusalem protesting the designation of the Paula Ben-Gurion School in Rasseo-Kiryat Shmuel as a state school rather than a religious school.

Authority spokesman Arye Avner contended that a TV crew was present at the demonstration outside City Hall on Monday only in case the protest assumed large proportions. "In the event, this did not happen and not a single frame was filmed," he said.

Radio tapes of the demonstration were made but not used in the radio newscast programme, in line with pre-election policy to play down all incidents "with a party-political tinge," said Mr. Avner. However, the incident was reported in the regular newscasts, he said.

He was commenting on a charge made by a National Religious Party member of the City Council, Ezerich Duvdevani, that TV and radio reports of the incident had been deliberately suppressed.

Jaffa's Hassan Bek mosque to be restored

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jaffa's Hassan Bek mosque, once a menace to the Jewish residents of this city, was returned to the Wakf which plans to refit it for religious services and rebuild the surrounding area as a shopping centre.

The mosque, with two other properties in Jaffa, returned to the Moslem Charitable Trust yesterday, had been held by the Custodian of Enemy Property since the establishment of the State of Israel. The Custodian offered to hand them back two years ago, but disputes within the Moslem community on the use to be made of them led to legal battles which continued for a year and a half.

Mr. Shmuel Tolodano, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Arab Affairs, told *The Jerusalem Post* that some

properties in Jaffa still remain to be returned. "It is up to the Wakf to let us know what they intend doing with them," he said.

The ruinous of Hassan Bek mosque was used by Arab snipers in the early part of 1948 to shoot at Jews passing by in the street below. Its reconstruction has been entrusted to the Edgar construction firm. This company will also lease out the 20 shops it will build around the mosque, but the tenants will have to be approved by the Wakf.

The Wakf has sold for IL5m. the two other plots of land released yesterday. The proceeds are to be used for a housing project in Jaffa for 100 poor Moslem families. The building will be done by Halamish, the Municipality's slum clearance housing company.

Progressive Jews may bring HQ here

The World Union for Progressive Judaism plans to move its headquarters from New York to Israel, its secretary-general, Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, told Tourism Minister Moshe Kol yesterday in Jerusalem. Rabbi Hirsch, formerly director of the Religious Action Centre of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (the reform movement), recently settled in Israel.

Safad opening Art Month with films

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — Film Week opens here Sunday, initiating the Art Month which this mountain town holds every summer. Foreign and local films will be given first showings here, among them the world premiere of the documentary "David Ben-Gurion Remembered."

Film Week will be followed by Theatre Week and then Painting and Sculpture Week.

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300 dead in Mexico's worst earthquake

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — At least 300 people were killed in central Mexico yesterday in the country's worst earthquake in recent times, officials said here. The predawn tremor shook Mexico City and sent tourists and residents into the streets in nightclothes.

Some 2,000 people were injured and five towns southeast of the capital were severely damaged.

A hospital and a five-storey building collapsed in one town, injuring hundreds of people, and half a hospital collapsed in another, according to reports.

One town of 15,000 inhabitants, Ciudad Ceardan in the province of Puebla, was said to be in ruins. A municipal officer said 200 corpses had already been recovered from rubble, and rescue workers expected to find more.

Two persons were reported killed and 15 injured in the town of Puebla, 96 km. southeast of Mexico City, when a building collapsed. The 300 people were killed in the city of Veracruz, a port city of 350,000 near the epicenter of the quake, where buildings were destroyed and communications disrupted.

The Red Cross said there were no casualties in Mexico City or in Veracruz, a port city of 350,000 near the epicenter of the quake, where buildings were destroyed and communications disrupted.

Communications were so bad with towns in the area most affected by the earthquake that an accurate death toll was not immediately available. One report from Veracruz said 300 people had been killed in the city of Orizaba, at the foot of the Sierra Madre Oriental mountain range. Another report, from Jalapa, capital of the state of Veracruz, said the 300 had only been injured.

The quake, which measured 5.5 on the Richter Scale, struck while much of the country was still moping up after the worst floods for a century, which killed between 100 and 300 people. (AP, Reuters)



At left, a policeman with blood streaming from his face is carried from the bank to an ambulance after being shot. Right: an artist's impression of the scene in the bank on Monday. (AP radiophoto)

Heath opens Ulster talks

BELFAST (Reuters). — Prime Minister Edward Heath last night opened talks with Northern Ireland's party chiefs in an apparent move to break a threatened political deadlock over future government arrangements.

Heath was understood to be disturbed at the lack of constructive preparation among the political parties for the new Northern Ireland Assembly, due to meet next month.

The talks came on the first day of the Prime Minister's 36-hour visit to Ulster. Earlier he represented the British Government at a memorial service for Lord Brookeborough, the longtime Prime Minister of Northern Ireland who died on August 18 aged 85.

The IRA slammed Heath's decision to attend the service. Army and security forces threw a ring of steel around St. Anne's Cathedral in central Belfast to prevent any attempt at violence.

In the last four days, three bomb blasts have wrecked a tavern, taxi and dance hall close to the cathedral, giving rise to fears that IRA gunmen had begun a violent campaign to disrupt the visit.

The service inside the cathedral went off quietly, but outside the cathedral, security forces moved spectators back when they received a bomb threat. But the alert was soon over and the spectators were able to greet Heath as he left.

The only other disruption came from militant Protestants, who accused the British Government of sending out Northern Ireland to the IRA. They greeted Heath with boos, catcalls and shouts of "go home, traitor Ted."

ASIAN FOOT AND MOUTH THREATENS EUROPE

ROME (AP). — Europe is facing the worst foot-and-mouth disease threat to its livestock in many years, the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization warned yesterday. It said the threat came from a fast spreading epidemic in Turkey and that results might be "catastrophic" if it were to spill into Europe.

FAO said an emergency, two-day meeting will start in Ankara today to consider urgent measures to help Turkey fight the disease and turn Thrace, Turkey's European mainland, into a barrier to stop the virus from spreading to Europe.

The epidemic spread into Turkey from Iran early this month, FAO reported. It said 77 individual outbreaks of the Asian type of foot-and-mouth have already been recorded since.

On August 17, Turkish veterinary authorities informed FAO that the disease had reached Adapazar, 96 km. from the Bosporus. "This is the worst Asian foot-and-mouth disease has ever come to Europe," an FAO spokesman said. "This type has never been found outside the Asian continent up to now. Since European herds have no natural immunity to this virus type, the disease could be catastrophic if it reached Europe."

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U.K. jails Egypt envoy's daughter for shoplifting

LONDON (UPI). — London courts yesterday jailed the 22-year-old daughter of an Egyptian ambassador in Britain's crackdown on foreign shoplifters.

Nagla Shawky, who said her father was Egypt's top envoy to Brazil, drew a six-week sentence for stealing 90 pence (11s) worth of food.

Magistrate John Hooper said he disliked sending the Egyptian Ambassador's daughter to jail, but noted that this was the second time she has been caught stealing from British stores. A year ago, he said, she was fined £25 (11250) and released on a similar offense.

A TOURIST INFORMATION office, run by the military government in the West Bank and the Tourism Ministry, has been opened in Ramallah.

Swedish King still serious

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — Doctors kept King Gustaf Adolf, 90, alive yesterday with blood transfusions and treatment in a respirator.

"The situation is still very serious," Prof. Gunnar Björck, the King's chief personal physician, said in a medical bulletin.

"The last days have been marked by a tendency for bleeding, bigger and smaller," the bulletin said. "With the exception for a few hours Sunday we have so far been able to balance this situation, among other things with blood transfusions."

The King has been unconscious, struggling with death since last Thursday. He was taken ill 11 days ago at his summer palace Solero with a bleeding ulcer. He underwent an emergency operation a week ago and then suffered new internal bleeding.

Sunday his condition was described as "extremely critical" but the King somehow survived that crisis too.

Stockholm

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policeman was treated in hospital for injuries which, police said, were not serious.

The three girls and the bank clerk were said to have lain bound in a corner of the stifling strong-room during the shooting, their lives at the mercy of a man described by police psychiatrists as psychopathic and unpredictable.

Police said darkness in the vault was making it difficult to monitor activities in the room, and that, anyway, officers were staying away from the openings in the ceiling since the shooting.

The electrical wiring in the vault was damaged by an explosion on Monday, and the only light is that coming through the holes in the ceiling, which are covered by bullet-proof glass.

Police sources confirmed yesterday that at least one of the three female bank officials has been raped.

The revelation came after Stockholm Police Commissioner Kurt Lindroth described Jan-Erik Olsson and his partner Clark Olsson as "human beasts."

Officially the police have been tightlipped about what has been going on in the cramped bank vault. But Monday they described the events in the bank vault as "the worst we have experienced ever."

Sources said that the 31-year-old mother of two small children, Mrs. Birgitta Lundblad, had been raped repeatedly but would not comment if the two younger women also had been sexually assaulted.

The sources said a policeman using bugging devices heard a sound which indicated that Mrs. Lundblad was raped or subjected to a serious sexual assault.

"I never want to have to listen to something like that again," the policeman said, according to the sources.

The feared attack on Mrs. Lundblad was made by Olsson, the gunman's friend who was freed from jail and brought to the bank in an initial demand before the hostages were to be released, the sources said.

At a news conference late Monday night, a police spokesman said none of the hostages were now strung up with a noose round their necks. He would not say how the police knew this.

The police cancelled all news briefings yesterday while they put into a motion a new plan to end the drama.

But sources said the new plan included a combined attack through the holes in the roof and the double steel door to the vault.

Using pneumatic mining drills — and all the drilling technology available in the nation — they drilled an undisclosed number of new holes through the 60-centimetre-thick concrete roof of the vault in addition to the three holes drilled Monday.

The holes have a diameter of 30 centimetres.

The holes were covered by bullet-proof glass and police sharpshooters were placed at each one of them in the hope that Olsson and Olsson might relax for a moment and give the police a chance to shoot before they could harm the hostages, the sources said. But these operations were all halted when the officer was shot. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

Hearst newsman named Watergate mystery man

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Seymour Freidin, head of the Hearst newspaper chain's London bureau, was hired by a top political aide to President Nixon to spy on George McGovern's presidential campaign last year, according to columnists Jack Anderson and Les Whitten.

In a nationally-syndicated column published yesterday, Anderson and Whitten said Freidin used the code name "Mr. Chapman" when reporting information he obtained from the McGovern camp.

The information was submitted to Murray Chotiner, who turned it over to Nixon campaign aides, the columnists said. Freidin, a former executive foreign editor of the "New York Herald Tribune," was paid \$10,000 per week and collected \$10,000 or \$11,000 during the time he worked for Chotiner, the report said.

The columnists said that until this time Freidin was considered the "mystery man of the Watergate investigation" because Senate Watergate committee investigators had been unable to determine his identity.

Anderson and Whitten said that Chotiner acknowledged that he hired Freidin as a "reporter" during a portion of the Democratic primaries and a portion of the time after the McGovern nomination.

Freidin, whom the columnists said they talked with by telephone from the Mediterranean, denied he was employed as a spy.

The columnists said Freidin was not employed by Hearst "while he was a political spy."

In another development, the Western White House announced that President Nixon's Florida banker friend Charles G. "Bebe" Rebozo was the mystery investor who joined with New York industrialist Robert Abplanalp in the purchase of the bulk of Nixon's 25.9 acre California estate for \$1.2m.

Details of the purchase of the estate were released in a documented statement to "completely and irrevocably" refute the "false impression and false allegations" that Nixon's home was financed with funds left over from the 1968 presidential election campaign, the White House said.

Under the deal, Abplanalp, personal friend of the President, and Rebozo paid \$1,249,000 for 23 acres of the estate, enabling Nixon to write off \$655,000 to unsecured loans from Abplanalp and to purchase the remaining 5.9 acres that includes his homesite at a cost of \$340,000.

The third version of the transaction to be made public was prepared by Coopers and Lybrand, a New York accounting firm, and described by deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren as an "unprecedented" step in baring a President's personal financial affairs.

The "New York Times" said yesterday that Coopers and Lybrand used to be called Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery, and three

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Cambodia troops ease capital's food shortage

PHNOM PENH (UPI). — Government troops broke through a Highway 4 roadblock 24 kms. from the city yesterday, easing but not solving Phnom Penh's supply problems.

Torrential rains, which swelled the Mekong River out of its banks, also the plight of river convoys, military sources said. Food prices have soared in Cambodia's capital.

Recent heavy rains have helped slow down the fighting and have widened the Mekong River to such an extent that supply convoys can usually escape fire from the banks by staying in the middle of the stream. A convoy carrying ammunition and fuel arrived in Phnom Penh during a 90-minute downpour on Monday that flooded many streets.

Food prices have skyrocketed in the capital because of the cut roads, with rice rising 30 per cent and pork doubling in the past two weeks.

In other action, the Government

sent fresh troops to the south of Phnom Penh yesterday for an apparent new push to recapture the town of Sethbo, which has changed hands twice in less than a week.

VIETNAM CIVILIANS. The South Vietnamese command said Communists killed 21 civilians and wounded 35 in shelling against a half-dozen small towns and hamlets across the country.

Military sources also said fighting around a South Vietnamese infantry position in the Mekong Delta 160 kms. southwest of Saigon killed 22 Communists and 26 Government soldiers.

The Saigon command said the worst Communist attack was at Tam Quan, a town along the South China Sea coast 465 kms. northeast of Saigon. Guerrillas fired 70 rockets and mortars into the town on Monday night, killing seven civilians and wounding 20.

In other action, heavy fighting erupted near Kontum on Monday, for the second consecutive day.

Thieu slates win in Vietnam poll

SAIGON (AP). — The preliminary results of Sunday's senatorial election were officially announced here yesterday, confirming an overwhelming victory by the two slates aligned with President Nguyen Van Thieu.

But the leader of one of the losing slates, present at the announcement, charged privately that the victors had used the government's machinery during the campaign, including the use of manpower, the arrest and harassment of his province representatives and the stuffing of ballot boxes.

On Monday a government spokesman said that, based on the number of registered voters who had received voting cards, 7,012,218, the turnout figure was 99.2 per cent.

The victory for the two pro-Thieu slates gives the president full control of the country's political machinery.

In recent years the 60-man upper house of the National Assembly has been something of a thorn in Thieu's side. The body opposed his one-man candidacy for re-election in 1971 and his request for "special decree powers" during last year's North Vietnamese offensive.

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Soviets test nuclear bomb

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) said it has monitored seismic signals of an apparent new Soviet underground nuclear test. The signals originated in the northern Kazakh Desert in the U.S.S.R., the AEC said.

The blast signals were equivalent to an underground nuclear explosion in the range of 20 to 200 kilotons.

It was the fifth presumed underground nuclear explosion by the Soviets this year. The AEC has positively identified one other Soviet blast as a definite nuclear test. All of the presumed tests were in the same yield range as Monday's explosion.

The U.S. has conducted seven underground nuclear tests this year.

Flood threatens Pakistan city

RAWALPINDI (Reuters). — Embankments protecting the city of Hyderabad from the rampant Indus River were being tested to the limit yesterday as heavy rain in the north brought threats of further flooding.

Round the clock patrols have been mounted at Hyderabad, where the Indus is at its highest level for 17 years, and flood lights have been set up at the most vulnerable points of the high earth embankments.

Further north, the Ravi and Chenab Rivers, which caused massive devastation in Punjab Province from mid-August, were reported to be rising again after heavy rain in Indian Kashmir and in Northern Pakistan.

DENMARK, PIGSTY OF EUROPE? Italians firebomb home over film on Jesus' sex life

ROME (Reuters). — Molotov cocktails were hurled from a car at the Danish ambassador's residence here yesterday, in protest against a Danish government subsidy for a forthcoming film about the imagined sex life of Jesus. But the plans for filming are going ahead.

One firebomb damaged the parked car of a servant at the residence, but the others exploded harmlessly in the courtyard. The attackers also threw handwritten pamphlets, describing themselves as "Catholics against the Danish government which has financed the blasphemous film, Denmark, pigsty of Europe."

The attack came only two days after Pope Paul condemned the Danish film, directed by Jens Jørgen Thorsen, as a "foul erotic film, an ignoble and blasphemous outrage which offends the whole Christian religion." Mr. Thorsen has admitted

that his film will be "extremely obscene."

Work on the film is to begin in Apt. France, shortly after the director arrives on September 1. Members of the film's crew already there said yesterday.

The crew has recruited 200 people as extras. They plan to use the old streets of Apt. to represent Jerusalem and the nearby Signon mountain as the setting for Golgotha. The actors and crew will be lodged in the village of Lacoste, one-time home of the Marquis de Sade.

The Mayor of Apt, Fernand Jean, a Gaullist, said there was no reason to prevent Mr. Thorsen and his crew from coming. "It will only be after shooting starts and the reactions of the townspeople become known that we might decide against letting Mr. Thorsen continue to work here," he said.

(Reuters, AP, UPI)

E. German arms deal reported for Arafat

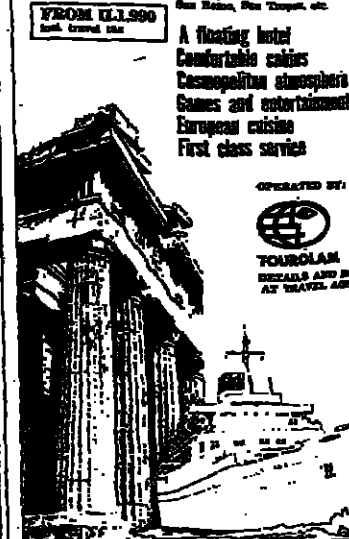
BONN (Reuters). — "Quaker" the West German weekly magazine, reported yesterday that East Germany had agreed a secret arms deal with Palestinian terrorists.

The magazine's public relations consultants in Munich said the pact was sealed when Palestine Liberation Leader Yasser Arafat visited East Berlin earlier this month and agreed with the East Germans on a wide range of cooperation, including setting up a Palestinian office in East Berlin.

The statement indicated that the magazine will publish the agreement in today's edition. It gave no further details.

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Illustration of a telephone exchange with various components and wires.

Broad indictment of Soviet system SOLZHENITSYN SAYS KGB IS TRYING TO KILL HIM

MOSCOW. — Soviet writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn said in an interview published yesterday he has received threatening letters, and if he dies suddenly, the world should know that he was killed by Soviet security agents.

The Nobel prize-winning author said neither death nor imprisonment can silence him, because "the most important" of his unpublished works already have been spirited abroad and automatically will be published if he disappears. His works are banned in the USSR.

Solzhenitsyn showed three anonymous menacing letters to two Western journalists who were invited to his wife's Moscow apartment. He said they were a "masquerade" on the part of the KGB — the Soviet secret police.

KGB PRISON CAMP
The author said "an eminent general of the KGB transmitted to me through a third person a direct ultimatum — get out of the camp of foreigners, or they will return me to a prison camp."

Soviet authorities recently refused Solzhenitsyn the right to live in the Moscow apartment of his wife and children. But he said, "I have no other place to live except the apartment of my family. I will live here, whether or not they give me authorization. When they come to throw me out — that will be publicly worthy of our forward-looking regime."

"The question arises — if our KGB protects the world's most advanced state order, which according to the world's only true philosophy of life is guaranteed universal historical victory anyway, then why create such a fuss and use such low methods?"

"During the winter of 1971-72, I was warned through several channels — within the KGB's apparatus there are also people who are tormented by their fate — that they were preparing to kill me in a 'car accident'."

"But here we have a peculiarity, I would almost say an advantage of our social structure: Not a single hair falls or will fall from my head or from the heads of members of my family without the knowledge and approval of the KGB. That is the extent to which we are observed, shadowed, spied upon and listened to..."

"If I am declared dead or suddenly and inexplicably dying, you can be sure I was killed either with the consent of the KGB, or by the KGB itself."

The bearded dissident author, 54, said his death could not bring joy to those who would like to see his writing stopped because "immediately after my death or my disappearance or privation of liberty, my literary testament automatically will go into effect. Then the most important part of my work will be published. I have abstained from publishing them all these years."

REPRESSION OF DISSIDENTS
"Le Monde" correspondent Alain Jacob said the author told him he had summoned him to the rare interview because he felt it was time to reply "to reproaches against Soviet dissidents," particularly a recent warning given by President Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov.

"Sakharov, alas, is too well known and therefore he has to be crushed publicly... but unknown critics are crushed in great numbers in silence, in the countryside, in the hinterlands, and how many can they be, these people never mentioned to anybody, languishing and perishing in regional psychiatric clinics?"



ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN

The official Soviet answer to dissidents, Solzhenitsyn said, is never arguments, "because arguments don't exist," but always "curses and slander... either administrative punishment in a court, a curse or silence."

"And now against Sakharov they pick up again the worn out and desolating trump card of the '30s — help to foreign intelligence services." Why would a man who has armed them with the most terrible weapon, a weapon on which their power has rested for decades and still rests, give help to foreign intelligence services? That borders on utter shamelessness and utter ingratitude."

Sakharov was principal developer of the Soviet hydrogen bomb.

ASSISTANT JAILED

Solzhenitsyn said a young literary specialist, Gabriel Superfin, who had helped him in historical research, had been arrested — on the basis of confessions of Yakir and Krasin — and accused of "especially dangerous crimes against the State." The assistant faces a sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

The author spoke also of reprisals against Alexander Gorlov, a friend who surprised KGB men burgling the author's country house in 1971; and persecutions of Mariya Rostropovich, a renowned cellist who publicly befriended Solzhenitsyn.

In a reference to the Watergate scandal, he said: "It is strange to hear that in some places arguments take place about whether the President has a right to order electronic bugging equipment installed for the defence of military secrets of his country. And a man who has leaked such secrets (Daniel Ellsberg) even gets vindication in court. But in our country, any person who loudly voices an opinion contrary to the official one is considered guilty, even without trial. And electronic bugging equipment is installed at his place — not by the

leader of the country — but by an average officer of the KGB.

"Such electronic bugging, not to mention all the other kinds of surveillance, encompasses thousands upon thousands of intellectuals and responsible civil servants in the main cities of the USSR. And a great number of parasites in uniform sit and analyse the tapes."

LEFTIST CIRCLES
Solzhenitsyn, who spent 11 years in prison for speaking out against Stalin, spoke bitterly of the outcry raised in Greece over the imprisoning and recent release of political prisoners.

"In this astonishing nation (Russia), with the most advanced socialist regime, for a half century there has not been one single amnesty for political prisoners. Let the amateurs compare that with Greece at its leisure."

He said, "Leftist circles never miss saying that Russia is like Greece, Spain, Turkey... it's not like that. In all those countries, violence has not attained the level of the gas chambers of today, that is, the psychiatric prisons."

Soviet dissidents are frequently confined to mental hospitals.

STALINIST TRIAL

On the trial of Yakir and Krasin, Solzhenitsyn said: "Even if they admit Western correspondents to this trial, it will apparently be only a doleful repetition of the untalented farces of the Stalin-Yezhovskiy period."

"By the way, in the '30s these farces — with all their clumsy theatrical effects, smeared greasepaint and loudness of the prompter — still had great success with thinking persons among the Western intellectuals, because their thirst to believe in the advanced state order was so strong. Such thinking persons can be found also in today's generation."

"But since nobody, as far as I know, has made the following clear to Yakir and Krasin to their faces... then with the right of an old prison inmate I tell them here and now they have conducted themselves shamelessly, by repeating with even hollowery, by repeating with a 40-year delay and in inappropriate conditions the infamous experience of the last generation, of those who capitulated in the '30s, those inflated figures of history."

UNPUBLISHED WORK

He declined to discuss further the unpublished "main part" of his works, especially in an apartment he believed was bugged. He turned instead to plans for publishing the remainder of the series that began with "August 1914."

He said that probably "I won't let out 'October 1916' before the third volume, 'March 1917,' is ready." The two are too closely knit, and only together can they explain his view of the course of events, the writer said.

"August 1914" related in fictional form the catastrophic defeat of the Russians by the Germans in the early days of World War One. The other two books are planned to carry the narrative through the Bolshevik Revolution. (AP, UPI)

Sakharov denounced

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Academy of Sciences of the USSR yesterday denounced nuclear physicist Andrei D. Sakharov, a fellow Academy member and civil rights activist, for "discrediting" the Soviet system in a news conference last week with foreign correspondents.

It called him an "instrument of hostile propaganda."

Tass: Israel stages coups in Africa

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Israeli diplomats in young African policy in Africa is to stage coups in the continent's newly independent countries.

Tass also said Israel had helped Rhodesia to break United Nations sanctions by importing meat and minerals from that country.

"The Israelis are generously supplying South Africa with arms," and "Israeli instructors are training South African troops in methods of guerrilla warfare," of the methods used by Israel Tass added.

Yakir assures Soviet court: Dissidents in USSR are 'Western invention'

MOSCOW. — Former dissident leader Pyotr Yakir told a court trying him yesterday that the opposition movement in the Soviet Union is purely a Western invention, the Tass news agency said.

Yakir and fellow defendant Viktor Krasin said the dissident movement "was tossed into the USSR from the West, and then passed on by a number of foreign news agencies, newspapers and television companies as originating in the USSR."

Yakir and Krasin went on trial on Monday accused of collaborating with a West German-based émigré group for the overthrow of the Soviet system.

Tass said both men had pleaded guilty and "repented" even before the trial began. They also pleaded guilty when the indictment was read on Monday.

Yakir, 50, son of a Red Army general executed during the Stalin purge, emerged as a leader of the small Moscow dissident movement formed in 1966 during the trial of writers Andrei Sinavsky and Yuri Danilov.

Yakir said the dissident movement was invented by the NTS (Peoples Labour Union) émigré group, and that its programme was drafted by an NTS leader identified as Gerasim.

"It was inside this organization, which seeks the overthrow of the Soviet system, that the term 'demon-

Lebanese strikers protest inflation

BEIRUT. — A 24-hour strike throughout Lebanon yesterday, in protest against rising prices, closed down shops and offices and disrupted vital services. The strike was called by the General Federation of Labour, which represents about 100,000 people in more than 100 trade unions. Leftwing political organizations also organized mass demonstrations in the capital and other main cities.

Banks, newspapers, public transport, electricity and water supplies and seaports were all affected. Workers at Beirut International Airport were authorized to join the strike with a token stoppage of one hour.

The labour federation threatened to bring out its members on an indefinite strike from September 25 unless action was taken to curb inflation.

Prices have risen as much as 15 per cent in some areas here over the past month. Merchants have warned that because of higher transport prices and shortages, prices of some foodstuffs will double over the next six months.

The month-old government of Premier Takiyeddin Solh has moved to curb the effects of the price increases by ordering a five per cent increase in the minimum wage. Solh also has ordered the setting up of a "people's market" where goods will be sold at cost price plus a maximum of five per cent profit. Police have also arrested bakers who charge more than the government-approved maximum price. (Reuters, UPI)

Africa rebels kill teacher; others watch

SALISBURY (UPI). — Guerrillas beat a headmaster to death, and forced three teachers to watch, sources at a school in Rhodesia's north-eastern Kanyenda area said yesterday. One of the teachers was the murdered man's younger brother.

Five guerrillas entered the Mangoch School in the Kanyenda Tribal Trust Lands last Saturday night and dragged the headmaster, Jeremiah Chipara, 38, from his home. They took him to his office and forced him to hand over books and money.

Chipara, a married man, is the 17th African civilian to be murdered by guerrillas since the current wave of attacks began last December. Eight whites have also been murdered.

Security forces have killed and captured considerably more guerrillas in the past month. Since December, 100 guerrillas have been killed, 30 of them in the past month. Unofficial sources here indicated that the increase in guerrilla deaths is partly due to the presence of South African police units who have increased the number of men on the ground in the sparsely populated north-eastern bush country.

Security force losses since December total 18, although there have been no losses in recent engagements with guerrillas. (AP, UPI)

Tahiti expels protest captain

PAPETE, Tahiti (AP). — A French government spokesman here claimed that David McTaggart, Canadian captain of the nuclear protest yacht Greenpeace III, was expelled from Tahiti yesterday as an "undesirable" alien.

Captain McTaggart was flown out to Honolulu en route to Vancouver. He has been in the French military hospital here because of an eye injury caused when his yacht was arrested near the French nuclear test site at Mururoa Atoll.

He was accompanied by his family doctor, R.G. McCreery, and an official of the Canadian foreign affairs ministry, Serge April, both of whom arrived here over the weekend.

In Vancouver, Dr. Andrew McTaggart said his brother was beaten by French sailors who boarded Greenpeace III before towing it clear of the French nuclear test zone. But French officials have denied the allegation.

Banished from zoo for diving into seal pond

VANCOUVER, Canada (AP). — A man was put on probation for six months and ordered to stay away from the Stanley Park Zoo when he pleaded guilty in provincial court Monday to disturbing and frightening animals.

The sentence was imposed after police testified that the man jumped off the top of a monkey house at the zoo into the seal pond.

'Dead son will rise,' says father

BARSTOW, California (UPI). — An 11-year-old boy died here after his fundamentalist parents decided diabetes was caused by devils and withdrew his insulin. But Wesley Parker's father still believes his son will rise from the dead.

The local district attorney's office said officials had not yet decided whether to bring criminal charges. The father, a former space agency station technician, now unemployed, left orders that the boy was not to be buried, in expectation of his son's resurrection. However, spokesman for a local funeral home said that Parker asked Monday that the body be buried in private.

But Parker remained steadfast, he said, in his belief that Wesley will "arise in four days."

"I think God is letting it go this far so he can receive the most glory from this when Wesley comes back," Parker said.

Ten days ago, Parker, his wife, and their four children went to hear a faith healer at the Assembly of God Church. The healer pronounced Wesley "cured" by a "laying on of hands."

Although Wesley had been suffering from diabetes for five years, his parents threw out the supply of insulin. The boy fell ill three days later and died last Wednesday.

Allende cancels trip to Algeria

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP). — President Salvador Allende yesterday cancelled a planned trip to Algeria next month for the non-aligned nations conference.

The president did not say why he would not lead the Chilean delegation to the Algerian meeting. But it was apparent that the current wave of strikes and violence as well as his latest cabinet crisis would keep him busy at home.

Kuwait arrests 37 Iranians

BEIRUT (AP). — Kuwait authorities have arrested 37 Iranians on a charge of attempting to "infiltrate illegally" into the country by boat. Baghdad radio claimed yesterday. The new arrests brought to 211 the total number of Iranians held on infiltration charges in Kuwait since July 1.

VISIT — French President Georges Pompidou will visit Japan next April, Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Gihra said yesterday.

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How to make money flying

If a householder were to offer a burglar money to go and break in next door instead we should laugh, though perhaps not very loudly if we happened to live in the same street, or had still preserved some idea of what is proper for a man to do, and what is not.

Much of the idea of what is proper for nations did an ignominious death way back in the Spanish War, when European countries that prided themselves on their democracy looked on while the rising Fascist regimes destroyed their government. It is only now, after almost 40 years, that there are some signs of life returning to the Spanish political system after decades of police rule. "Peace is undivided" was the warning phrase used in those days by the Spaniards who did not want to be overwhelmed by the Franco regime. A few years later the Germans and Italians felt they had acquired enough experience in the Spanish war to be able to challenge the world. Peace is still undivided. The ICAO, the International Civil Aviation Organisation, is meeting in Rome, contemplating such brilliant resolutions as one that proposes that states which interfere with civilian air traffic, for whatever reason, should be penalized, with no suggestion that anything is wrong with political organizations or individuals who attempt to blow up planes in the air, machine-gun passengers at airports and hijack aircraft.

The U.N. has already been unable to agree on any formula on air terrorism because the pro-Arab bloc contends that the Palestine organisations are freedom fighters and, by implication, permitted to blow up planes.

When terrorists took a TWA plane to Damascus, and the Syrian airport authorities held the plane and imprisoned some of the passengers for months,

the international air associations admitted that they could not afford to penalize Syrian air traffic in any way, for fear of reprisals against their own airlines. It was always known that Air France, with its close links with the North African airlines, would not cooperate in any such move, and without France action would be ineffective.

But it is still a long step from inability to cooperate against terrorism to the truly businesslike idea of paying the terrorists protection money. Lufthansa was the first company to propose buying back its own plane from the terrorists for \$5 million — enough to finance quite a number of further hijackings, but cheap for the plane.

Four more companies, it is now learnt, have been paying very large sums regularly to various terrorist organizations in exchange for a promise that they will not be attacked. It works out cheaper than security precautions; not safer, which might be understood up to a point, but cheaper. Dr. Habbash has been short of money, and their contributions have paid for the bullets that killed the Puerto Ricans, and some Israelis, at Lod last year; killed Americans at Athens just recently; subjected Japanese passengers to a monstrous ordeal on a hijacked Japanese plane a few weeks ago. Please leave me alone, go shoot the man next door.

Spain survived, but Europe almost went down to a thousand-year Hitler Reich. The past week's bombs in London and Washington may only be the first sign that terrorists have seen that it is cheaper for businessmen in Europe to bribe them than to defend themselves, and that therefore they can always win. It's a fine prospect.



JERUSALEM'S KOLLEK remains firmly in the saddle despite the party bosses.



TEL AVIV RIVALS: Confident Labour Party incumbent Rabinowitz, left, faces Gahal's candidate Lahat, right, who has troubles within his own party.



GAHAL'S GHIBSTEIN in Rishon LeZion won the mayoralty from a divided Labour Party.



ALUF EYAL of Labour left the Rishon LeZion control of the powerful Labour Party machine.



ALMOGI OF HAIFA is well in the race to take up the Rishon LeZion control of the powerful Labour Party machine.

Municipal elections: Mayors v. parties

A CLEAR distinction has already emerged between the power of those municipal candidates who are also heads of their local party branches and those who are not.

The most outstanding example of a mayor who reigns despite friction within the party is Labour's Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem. He was originally elected in 1965 as an independent candidate linked to Rafi and since then has frequently been at odds with the Jerusalem Labour establishment headed by branch head Moshe Baran. The culmination of this friction has come in Kollek's current fight for the right to choose his own deputy mayor and not to have the party Branch Secretary Zvi Rosen, a close ally of Mr. Baran, foisted on him.

What helps Mr. Kollek is that, despite an occasional personal abrasiveness, he is popular with all sections of the Jerusalem electorate. His independence of the party establishment has apparently only enhanced his image. The closest example that comes to mind is the late Avraham Krametz who was always re-elected as Ramat Gan Mayor on the General Zionist and later Gahal ticket with a huge margin of votes over his party's local poll to the Knesset.

The Labour Party machine must also bear in mind Mr. Kollek's trump card in his current political poker game — the unexpectedly large turnout of Arab voters in East Jerusalem in the 1969 municipal poll which gave the Alignment ticket its extra margin and for which Meron Benvenisti (whom Kollek's now wants as a deputy mayor) got much of the credit. But his biggest asset is the apprehension felt by party bosses that should he not run, the Capital may go to a Religious-Gahal coalition.

Two examples of mayors who run their own party machines

Political horsetrading has begun in the local branches of the main parties over the composition of their municipal candidates' lists. Jerusalem Post Political Reporter MARK SEGAL surveys the field in the main cities.

present themselves in the Labour candidates for the largest Municipalities—Tel Aviv and Haifa. Tel Aviv's present Mayor, Yehoshua Rabinowitz, and Haifa's mayoral candidate Yosef Almogi are very much in control of the party apparatus in their cities. Thus they are both powerful enough at home to be at liberty to select their own candidates for city councillors. They will both be able to choose their future partners in running the Town Hall.

Tough of glamour — An example of the opposite extreme is the Gahal mayoral candidate for Tel Aviv, Shlomo Lahat, who was brought in from the outside to add a touch of glamour to the lacklustre list of local Gahal candidates, already dogged by constant conflict between its Herut and Liberal components. At present, Mr. Lahat seems to be losing the battle with local Liberal Party bosses, especially Mr. Yosef Tamir M.K., over the choice of his fellow candidates.

Brought in by the Liberal half of Gahal, which has the prerogative of choosing the Tel Aviv Mayoral candidate, he has even less control over the Herut sec-

tion of the list. The local Liberal Party bosses are putting him in his place, but his position may improve should the Liberal right-wing Bloc materialize for the local elections, as then he could lean on two smaller partners in his internal fights.

In a similar position to Lahat in his old comrade-in-arms Shmuel Eyal, who like him, got out of uniform to run for mayoral office. But he came in at the last minute as the Labour Party's candidate in Rishon LeZion against incumbent Gahal Mayor Haiman Ghibstein. Mr. Eyal comes to a Labour Party branch that has no real leader and is still in a divided state having lost the Mayoralty to Gahal because of internal conflicts, which led many veteran Labour voters to desert to Gahal in 1969.

The Labour Party also brought in an ex-army man, Gershon Rivlin, to challenge Mayor Israel Peled in the Gahal stronghold of Ramat Gan. It is unclear, however, whom they have to run against the Mayor of Netanyahu, Oved Ben-Ami, who has been in power nearly all the time since he helped found the town in the 1950's. The Labour Party has done well in Herzliya with another ex-army officer, Yosef Nave, who won the Mayoralty in 1969 and has no apparent contestant so far from the other parties.

Holon's Mayor Pinhas Eylon and Petah Tikva's Mayor Israel Feinberg are another two examples of older mayors who are also local Labour Party bosses. They stand firm against choosing younger men to take over the Town Hall in the future.

In many local authorities, the election could fall any way, especially in immigrant townships like Ramle, Lod, Kiryat Shmona and so forth where the votes of the children of the original immigrant families will have an impact for the first time.

Readers' letters

The Church's great silence echoes again

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The Christians — perhaps with others, but that is no excuse — were silent in the years of the Jews' worst trial in history, the years of the Nazi Holocaust.

The clergy of the United States was again silent in May 1967 when their Jewish colleagues asked the ministerial associations for some statement, even a simple one to the effect that it was their consensus that Israel had a right to exist in peace.

Today, six years after that Six Day War, Israel is engaged in a global effort to protect her citizens abroad and to survive locally from the effects of terrorism, enemy activity on her borders, boycotts, condemnations, threats of sanctions, etc. Other voices may be silent, but there is a moral issue here and the Church is supposed to be one of the leaders in the moral realm. But there is a great silence on her part once again.

What is the moral issue in the face of which Church leadership is silent? Briefly put, it is that she is not speaking out against the use of double standards here in the Middle East.

One of these double standards is that being used against Israel in her fight for survival specifically, of the double standard of justice: one standard of judgment for Israel and another for her neighbors; one standard for Israel and another for those creating terrorist activity throughout the world, usually in a struggle against Israel. From 1948 to beyond 1967, raiding parties entered Israel from bordering areas. These continued without world objection until Israel had to put a stop to them herself by counteraction into the neighbour-

ing countries. Regularly, Israel was condemned by the world, but never the neighbours for the many actions which necessitated the counteraction. This is an immoral double standard. Recently Israel was strongly and quickly condemned for the capture of a Lebanese plane. What nation was internally "condemned" for attacks on, or for sheltering attacks against, El Al planes, or for hijacking of TWA, Pan Am, Japan Airlines, Sabena or other planes? This is an immoral double standard.

When the Palestine Liberation Organization, El Fatah, Black September, and others, turned their anti-Israel war into a war against Israel on a global scale, what nation or group was internationally condemned after Munich, or Athens, or after the murder of Israel's athletes at his Washington D.C. home? Yet how quickly Israel was condemned when she fought back against a nation at war with her by attempting to seize enemy leaders on one of their planes. This then is again the double standard.

All the world should hang their heads in shame at practicing this double standard — moral clergymen the more so!

The situation is getting constantly more serious and unless morally minded individuals speak out loudly, forcefully and clearly, there could be very serious results. I am embarrassed by the silence of the world's clergymen. May they rise to the reality of the present urgent situation and speak out against terrorists and all anti-Israel activity and for Israel's right to exist in peace in this world!

G. DOUGLAS YOUNG
President, American Institute of Holy Land Studies
Jerusalem, August 22.

The angry Georgians

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Mr. Leonof, in his excellent report on the incidents in Ashdod (July 27), seems to be misinformed by spokesmen of the Ports Authority as well as factory owners.

The Ports Authority is quoted as stating that permanent employment on the docks for all dockers is impossible because of seasonal fluctuations. In Australia, there is permanent employment on the docks for all. As soon as a man has passed the medical examination and been accepted in the union, he remains a dock worker until he resigns or is pensioned off. It is done by a system of rosters, and when no work is available, daily attendance money. The men are rostered so that every member gets to work about equal hours. When there is a slack time, he is sent on his annual holiday, three weeks per year minimum.

Work is seasonal since Australia is a major exporter of such commodities as wheat and wool. The same system is applied on the West Coast of the U.S. The Histadrut should make enquiries as this system could remove friction on the waterfront.

Factory owners told Mr. Leonof that they would not sack people prior to the end of the six months to prevent them from becoming permanent workers because it takes a long time to train a new one. Nonsense, most jobs are repetitive jobs and it only takes a few hours to train workers for them. It is essential that the Histadrut investigate every complaint of their members.

A. NAWOJICZ
East St. Kilda, Australia, August 13.

George Leonof comments: In all fairness, I think it should be said that the Ports Authority sources did not misinform me. They were referring to employment practices current in Israel not only at the ports, but in other "seasonal" industries. Mr. Nawojicz may be perfectly correct in pointing out that such practices are not justified — but that is another matter.

TRAVEL TAX

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — A fair solution to the travel tax problem.

I wonder why no one thought of it would be to give every citizen the "right" to a tax-free trip abroad once every five years. Anybody who travels after four years should pay 25 per cent of the tax, 50 per cent after three years and 75 per cent after two years. Those who can afford to travel every year should pay the full amount each time.

WALTER BELLAR
Tel Aviv, August 20.

PEEN FRIENDS

WOLFGANG BEHRENS of D-MER Hamburg, Germany, would like to correspond with young Israelis in Germany or England. He is interested in Israeli culture and broadcasting.

CAROLYN SLOAN (M), of 21 Monach Street, Waverley NSW, Australia, is married and works for a dance company. She would like to correspond with a young man of her age and her hobbies are swimming, basketball and cooking.

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Negev moves north

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I am an avid listener to the Voice of Moscow which spews out its venom in English to North America. A few days ago, between praise for Brezhnev and the communist regime, I heard a good example of Russian lies and ignorance.

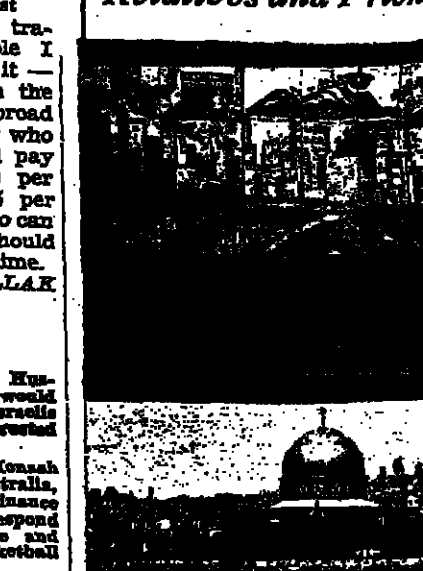
This time, the subject was Jews from the Soviet Union who were emigrating to Israel. It seems that the Russian authorities were interviewing Jews in Vienna who wanted to go back to the Soviet Union from Israel. We hear the voice of one such Jew who was describing his experiences in English when he was in Israel.

After coming to Israel without money, he set about trying to find work. He roamed the streets for weeks without food or lodging and was forced to eat from garbage bins. He slept in the streets. One night, he was picked up by police who beat him up and threw him into jail, where he remained for two weeks without food or drink. He was beaten every day by the guards. One day, they dragged him from his cell and he and some other prisoners were packed off to a concentration camp. There, he and his fellow prisoners were forced to work breaking rocks in the blazing sun from sunrise to sunset. They were given bread and water in the morning and at night. They were guarded by men with swastika armbands and whips which they loved to use on the prisoners' naked bodies. There were men and women working under the same conditions.

Asked by the interviewer where this place was, the so-called immigrant answered that it was on the Lebanese border and it was called the Negev.

PETER SZER
Netanya, August 23.

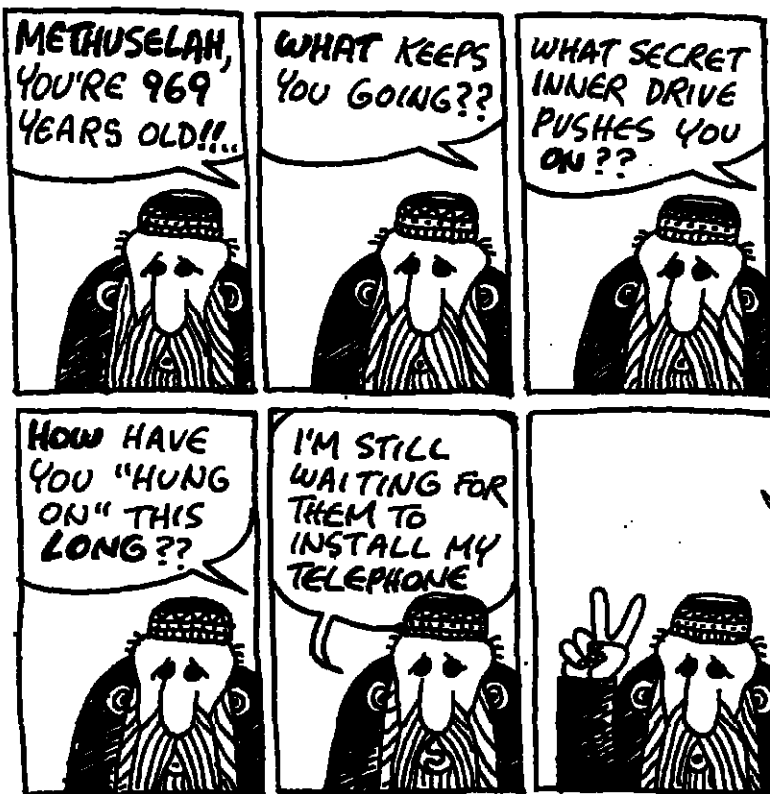
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Arab merger is 'lost cause'

Devar (Histadrut) writes that Gaddaf's visit to Cairo comes on the heels of Sadat's secret visit to Saudi Arabia, which was aimed at enlisting financial support in the event of a final break with the Libyan leader. It concludes that the much-touted "merger" between the two countries is a lost cause.

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes that despite the methods used, Israel's aim in forcing down the Lebanese plane was to protect the lives of airline travellers. Thus anything less than a vote of disapproval by the ICAO in Rome will strengthen the hand of those who endanger

them. Also, France, Algeria, Syria and Libya have, in the past, been guilty of actions that were much more serious.

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) writes that the choice between combating terrorism abroad by so-called "illegal" means, and a return to the system of retaliatory actions against the Arab states themselves.

Al Hamaikhar (Mapam), commenting on the proposed Value Added Tax, writes that not only will it remove a vote of disapproval suit in even greater inequality in the distribution of the national income.

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